

coded data, the sensing device is able to perform a multitude of functions, including capturing the strokes made with the writing implement as digital ink.

5. Claim 1 of the present application is not anticipated by Westerman for the following reasons:

(a) Westerman does not disclose *"A sensing device for use with a surface having coded data disposed on the surface."* There is no disclosure in Westerman of a surface which has coded data disposed on it.

The Examiner has suggested that *"Westerman teaches a multi-touch surface apparatus for detecting spatial arrangement on the surface, which includes a digital code."* The Examiner supports this statement with reference to col.8, lines 10-27.

The reference to *"digital code"* in that paragraph reads:

"the present invention comprises a multi-touch surface apparatus ... comprising:

...voltage measurement circuitry to convert sensor voltage to a digital code; and circuitry for communicating the digital code to another electronic device."

It is clear that in the Westerman arrangement the *"digital code"* is not equivalent to the *"coded data"* which is *"disposed on the surface"* with which the claimed sensing device is intended to be used. Instead, the digital code in the Westerman arrangement is generated by the multi-touch surface apparatus.

(b) There is no disclosure in Westerman that any coded data disposed on any surface is *"indicative of an identity of a region associated with the surface;"*

(c) There is no disclosure in Westerman of any sensing device which includes *"detection means arranged to detect the coded data";*

(d) There is no disclosure in Westerman of any sensing device which is designed to generate region identity data *"using the coded data."*

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(e) Nor is there any disclosure in Westerman of any "*attachment means for facilitating attachment of the device to a writing implement*"; and

6. Since claim 1 is novel in light of the cited prior art, dependent claims 2 to 14 are similarly novel. The Applicant requests that the Examiner reconsider his objections in light of these arguments.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections have been successfully traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,


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